

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising a transmitter and a receiver, said transmitter transmitting digital data and data descriptors to the receiver via a communication channel, characterized in that the transmitter comprises:

5 a) first analysis means for analyzing digital data so as to identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver end;

10 b) creation means for creating data descriptors for describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields; and

c) insertion means for inserting the data descriptors in the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then
15 associated with a data descriptor,
and in that the receiver comprises:

d) second analysis means for analyzing received data so as to detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to identify multiple-use data and single-use data;

20 e) storage means for storing detected multiple-use data and their associated descriptors previously received;

f) recovery means for recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and

g) composition means for composing contents of an application on the basis of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means by said recovery means.

2. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the receiver further comprises means for updating descriptors and multiple-use data previously received and stored in said storage means, said updating means taking into account a capacity of the receiver to deal with the contents of the multiple-use data to which said descriptors are attached and various time parameters contained in each descriptor in relation to a local clock.

3. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that each descriptor of multiple-use data comprises a set of fields corresponding to an identification code which enables distinguishing the descriptor from other descriptors, to the type of data to which the descriptor is attached, to a starting date and a final date defining a time window in which the

data associated with the descriptor can be used, and to a duration of use for the data associated with the descriptor.

4. (Previously Presented) A receiver for receiving digital data, characterized in that said receiver comprises:

a) analysis means for analyzing received data so as to detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to

5 identify multiple-use data and single-use data;

b) storage means for storing detected multiple-use data and their associated descriptors previously received;

c) recovery means for recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and

10 d) composition means for composing the contents of an application on the basis of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means by said recovery means.

5. (Previously Presented) The receiver as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that said receiver further comprises updating means for updating descriptors and multiple-use data previously received and stored in said storage means, said updating means

5 taking into account in particular a capacity of the receiver to deal with the contents of the multiple-use data to which said

descriptors are attached and various time parameters contained in each descriptor in relation to a local clock.

6. (Previously Presented) A transmitter for transmitting digital data and data descriptors over a communication channel, characterized in that said transmitter comprises:

a) analysis means for analyzing digital data so as to
5 identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver end;

b) creation means for creating data descriptors for
10 describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields; and

c) insertion means for inserting the data descriptors in the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then associated with a data descriptor.

7. (Currently Amended) A signal carrier carrying a signal
composed of digital data associated with descriptors, said digital data including multiple-use data, characterized in that each
descriptor of multiple-use data comprises a set of fields
5 corresponding to an identification code which enables
distinguishing the descriptor from the other descriptors, to the

type of data to which the descriptor is attached, to a starting date and a final date defining a time window in which the data associated with the descriptor can be used, and to a duration of
10 use for the data associated with the descriptor.

8. (Previously Presented) A method of describing and recognizing data sent from a transmitter to a receiver via a communication channel, said transmitter transmitting digital data and data descriptors to the receiver, characterized in that the transmission
5 of the data comprises the steps of:

a) analyzing the digital data so as to identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver end;

10 b) creating data descriptors for describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields; and

c) inserting the data descriptors in the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then associated with a data
15 descriptor,

and in that the reception of the data comprises the steps of:

d) analyzing received data so as to detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to identify multiple-use data and single-use data;

20 e) storing detected multiple-use data and their associated
descriptors previously received;

f) recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and

g) composing the contents of an application on the basis
of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same
25 data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents
being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means
in said recovering step.

9. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in
claim 1, wherein the transmitter comprises a server and the
receiver comprises a terminal for transmitting and receiving
digital encoded data in accordance with the MPEG-4 standard.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer support program for a
communication terminal, said computer program comprising a series
of instructions which, when loaded into the communication terminal,
enable said communication terminal to execute the method of
5 recognizing multiple-use data as claimed in claim 8.